

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For :	GONADOTROPIN)	
	RELEASING HORMONE)	
	ANALOGUES CONJUGATES)	
	WITH STEROID HORMONES)	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the December 13, 2006, written restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Group II (i.e., claims 10 and 11) with traverse. Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the basis that all groups are closely related and can be searched without undue burden. Therefore, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

In response to the several election of species requirements set forth on pages 5-8 of the outstanding office action, applicant hereby elects with traverse the following species:

- (1) For the GnRH agonist, applicant elects Triptorelin (from Claim 11);
- (2) For the steroid hormone moiety, applicant elects estradiol (from Claim 13); and
- (3) For the specific globulin, applicant elects sex hormone binding globulin (SHBG) (from Claims 19 and 30).

Applicant hereby traverses the election of species requirements on the basis that the various species can be generically searched and examined without undue burden.

Claims reading on the elected species include claims 10 and 11, as well as the designated linking claims 1-4, 6, 12, 13, 15-23, 25, 26, and 29-33.

For the above reasons, applicant respectfully requests that the written restriction requirement and election of species requirements be withdrawn in their entirety. In the absence of withdrawal, applicant further requests rejoinder of designated linking claims and the withdrawn method of use claims (i.e., claims 35, 37, 39-41, 43, and 45-60).

Respectfully submitted,

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